



## General Information

**Refugee Council of Australia:** Overview of information about the education system in Australia, choices for getting education, programs that can support education, and scholarships.

<https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/education-info/>

**Refugee Education:** A database of dedicated university scholarship programs for students from refugee backgrounds in Australia.

<http://refugee-education.org/scholarships>

Compiled by Deakin University, a helpful **guide for students from a refugee or asylum seeking background**, including general FAQs and overviews of how to enter the education system as a refugee.

[https://deakincreate.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/96/2020/03/DEA\\_20ppA4\\_GuideforStudentsfromaRefugeeorAsylumSeekingBackground.WEB.pdf](https://deakincreate.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/96/2020/03/DEA_20ppA4_GuideforStudentsfromaRefugeeorAsylumSeekingBackground.WEB.pdf)

**AMES:** AMES Australia offers vocational and educational training (VET) courses, work skills training, and language classes for refugees and asylum seekers in Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales and South Australia. Subsidised and fee-free training is available for eligible participants.

For information on how to apply:

<https://www.ames.net.au/students/how-to-apply>

For information on courses available:

<https://www.ames.net.au/find-a-course/vocational-education-and-training>

## Getting your qualifications recognised

To get an overseas tertiary or university degree, or another kind of qualification recognised in Australia, you will need to go through the relevant state's Overseas Qualifications Unit. This is best done by contacting the Unit directly, where they will provide you with individualised advice.

For information about each state's Overseas Qualifications Unit:

<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/services-and-resources/Pages/qualifications-recognition.aspx>

There are also a number of industry-specific authorities who conduct specialist skill assessments. This kind of assessment is sometimes requested by employers, and is often conducted at cost.

For information about skills recognition:

<https://www.dese.gov.au/qualifications-recognition>

For those who wish to do further study and require previous qualifications to be recognised, it is best to directly contact the specific institution, as admission requirements tend to differ.



## Victoria

**AMEP:** The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) offers free basic English language classes to adult migrants (including temporary visa holders), in person or through a distance learning program.

<https://www.melbourneamep.com.au/>

**ASVET:** The Asylum Seeker Vocational Education Training (ASVET) initiative covers applicants who wish to complete VCE, Foundation Studies, and VET Certificate, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas. Applicants undertaking VCE, or courses at Certificate levels 1 to IV, are eligible for a subsidised Skills First place, as well as a concessional tuition fee rate.

Direct enrolment available (through [Visa Entitlement Verification Online](#)) as well as enrolment by ASRC referral. ASVET is offered through many different participating Victorian Universities. SHEV, TPV, Bridging Visa (class E) , and Humanitarian Stay Visa (subclass 449) holders are all eligible.

For more information on the program:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/AsylumseekerVETprogram.aspx>

For information on an ASRC referral:

<https://asrc.org.au/vet/>

For information on the TAFE courses offered through this program:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe>

**ASVET at Victoria University Polytechnic:** English-language and vocational training courses for refugees and asylum seekers provided through the State government through the ASVET program.

<https://www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/asylum-seeker-study-opportunities>

**ASVET at Swinburne University:** English-language and vocational training courses for refugees and asylum seekers provided through the State government through the ASVET program.

<https://www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/applying/asylum-seeker-refugee-support/>

### **River Nile School and Learning Centre (Metropolitan Melbourne):**

The River Nile School offers full time programs delivering the [VCAL](#) curriculum to re-engage Refugee and Asylum Seeker school-aged young women who may have experienced disrupted schooling, are newly arrived to Australia, or find a flexible learning environment most suitable to their learning.

<http://www.rivernileschool.vic.edu.au/>

The River Nile Learning Centre programs develop essential English language, literacy, numeracy, life and work skills for young refugee and asylum seeker women. Currently offering two 2-day programs



based around non-accredited functional English and digital literacy. Childcare is available for students with young children.

<https://www.rnlc.org.au/enrolment>

**Deakin CREATE:** Deakin University offers specialised support for refugees seeking education, employment and career advice. Their resources, workshops and career clinics provide foundational understanding of how to navigate the education and employment system.

<https://deakincreate.org.au/resources/>

## New South Wales

**AMEP:** The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) offers free basic English language classes to adult migrants, in person or through a distance learning program.

For more information:

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/student-services/adult-migrant-english-program-amep>

For enrolment: Call 1800 114 707 or email [amep@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:amep@tafensw.edu.au) with details of full name, date of birth, Immicard number or visa grant letter if applicable, and preferred campus or location of study.

**NSW Government Schools:** The Temporary Residents Program provides advice and support for the enrolment of temporary residents (including Humanitarian Stay Visa holders) in NSW government schools, as well as additional English language support programs.

For information on K-12 education program:

<https://www.deinternational.nsw.edu.au/study-options/study-programs/temporary-residents>

For information on visa types and eligibilities:

[https://www.deinternational.nsw.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0012/16410/Visa-Subclasses-and-Enrolment-Conditions.pdf](https://www.deinternational.nsw.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/16410/Visa-Subclasses-and-Enrolment-Conditions.pdf)

**NSW Government:** The Refugee Employment Support Plan (RESP) links participants to VET training, language programs, and helps participants to develop career plans and connect with employers. It is delivered in partnership with Settlement Services International (SSI), and available for refugees and asylum seekers in Western Sydney and Illawarra.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/students-and-job-seekers/low-cost-and-free-training-options/support-for-refugees-asylum-seekers.html#Fee-free1>

For more information and to begin the application process:

<https://www.ssi.org.au/services/newcomers-refugees-and-migrants/refugee-employment-support-program>



## Queensland

**AMEP:** The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) offers free basic English language classes to adult migrants (including temporary visa holders), in person or through a distance learning program.

<https://tafeqld.edu.au/courses/tells/adult-migrant-english-program.html>

For information on visa requirements:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/amep-subsite/Files/amep-eligible-temporary-visas.pdf>

**Queensland Government:** Offers subsidised VET courses for refugees and migrants, including humanitarian entrants, who have completed the equivalent of Australian Year 10 qualification.

Participants are required to pay a co-contribution fee.

<https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/support/migrants-refugees>

For information on available courses:

<http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/Course>

For information on eligibility requirements:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/education/training/subsidies/check-your-eligibility>

## Western Australia

**AMEP:** The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) offers free basic English language classes to adult migrants (including temporary visa holders), in person or online.

<https://migration.wa.gov.au/services/settlement-information/moving-to-western-australia/english-language-support>

North Metropolitan TAFE:

<https://www.northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/english-employment-and-work-readiness-programs/adult-migrant-english-program-amep>

South Metropolitan TAFE:

<https://www.southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/specialist-programs/adult-migrant-english-program-amep>

## Tasmania

**AMEP:** The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) offers free basic English language classes to adult migrants (including temporary visa holders), in person or online.

<https://www.tastafe.tas.edu.au/students/foundation-and-study-skills/english-language-services>

**Multicultural Youth Tasmania:** Multicultural Youth (MY) Transition Mentor Program supports young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds with the transition into higher education, VET courses and/or work.

<https://myt.org.au/my-education/>



**Tasmanian Government:** Information on education and English language programs offered to refugees and migrants in Tasmania.

[https://www.multicultural.tas.gov.au/education\\_and\\_english#120843](https://www.multicultural.tas.gov.au/education_and_english#120843)

## South Australia

**AMEP:** The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) offers free basic English language classes to adult migrants (including temporary visa holders), in person or online. Free childcare is available to eligible students.

<https://www.tafesa.edu.au/courses/education-languages/adult-migrant-english-program>

**Justice for Refugees SA:** A list of organisations that provide support to refugees in South Australia, including English classes and education assistance.

<https://justiceforrefugeessa.org/services/>

**Australian Migrant Resource Centre (AMRC):** AMRC supports migrants and refugees through offering a number of programs, including familiarisation with Australian systems, road safety and transport, and excursions for young people. They also provide some resources for school-aged children, including backpacks, lunchboxes and stationary.

For information on youth-centred programs:

<https://amrc.org.au/youth-leadership>

For information on programs for migrant women:

<https://amrc.org.au/womens-empowerment>